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This morning, the people of Israel were reminded yet again of the recent rise of Palestinian terrorism that has resulted undeniably from the Palestinian Authority's policy of incitement.

A terrorist filled with hatred who had a submachine gun shot Kim Levengrond Yehezkel and Ziv Hajbi. Both were young parents who worked in the Barkan industrial zone, an area that symbolizes coexistence between Israelis and Palestinians. After first binding Kim and Ziv, the terrorist shot them, then continued his vicious attack, wounding another Israeli civilian before escaping with his weapons from the area. As of the drafting of the present letter, the terrorist is still at large.

This terrorist attack marks the latest of dozens of recent terrorist attacks emanating from the West Bank. There is a direct link between these attacks and the terrorists' exposure to the Palestinian Authority's messages of violence and hate against Israelis.

The Palestinian Authority, led by Mahmoud Abbas, must cease and prevent, with all of its might, the continuation of this extreme incitement that occurs regularly within areas under its control. Instead of dictating to Israel and ignoring proposals to bring calm to the region, Abbas must take a clear and firm stance against terrorism and incitement, including the payment of terrorists and their families for killing innocent Israelis. This financial incentive only fuels further violence, just like what we saw this morning at the Barkan plant. Only stopping the system of incitement and rewards can put an end to terror.

I urge you to condemn this terrorist attack unequivocally. This is the Security Council's responsibility and duty to the Middle East and to the world, including, most important, the children who lost a parent this morning.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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